Alberta Population Report

September 25, 2003 — Second Quarter, 2003

Statistics Canada has revised the 2001 Census figures due to undercoverage studies. Population estimates have thus been revised back to 1971, with notable changes back to 1996.

Population Estimates

Alberta's population growth between July 1 of 2002 and 2003 is again the strongest among the provinces. As of July 1, 2003, Alberta's population is estimated to be 3,153,723. This is an increase of approximately 39,000 persons (or 1.26% growth) from July 1, 2002. Ontario and British Columbia had the next largest growth rates among the provinces at 1.17% and 0.77% respectively.

The following chart shows both population estimates and growth rates of Canada and Alberta since 1996 for July 1.

TABLE 1 **National and Provincial Population & Growth Rates, July 1**

	Canada		Alberta	
July 1	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate
1996	29,610,757		2,775,163	
1997	29,907,172	1.00%	2,830,056	1.98%
1998	30,157,082	0.84%	2,899,452	2.45%
1999	30,403,878	0.82%	2,953,255	1.86%
2000	30,689,035	0.94%	3,004,940	1.75%
2001	31,021,251	1.08%	3,056,739	1.72%
2002	31,361,611	1.10%	3,114,390	1.89%
2003	31,629,677	0.85%	3,153,723	1.26%

Source: Statistics Canada

Population estimates for July 1, 2003 for all provinces and territories are provided below in Table 2. Also shown is the growth rate of population between July 1, 2002 and July 1, 2003.

Migration

Between April 1 and June 30, 2003, Alberta had an estimated net interprovincial migration of 3,046 people. This makes up 48% of total net migration (interprovincial and international) to Alberta. Alberta had the largest number of interprovincial net migrants in Canada, followed by Nova Scotia. The origin and destination of interprovincial migrants are shown in Table 3 on the next page.

As shown in Table 3, the primary source of Alberta's interprovincial in-migrants for the second quarter was British Columbia, followed by Ontario and Saskatchewan. These three provinces were also the three main destinations of out-migrants from Alberta.

Natural Increase

Statistics Canada estimates that Alberta experienced a natural increase (births minus deaths) of about 5,300 people between April 1, 2003 and June 30, 2003. Almost 10,000 births occurred in this quarter, while there were an estimated 4,700 deaths.

More detailed demographic data are available from Alberta Finance, Statistics.

TABLE 2 **Population of Provinces/Territories, July 1, 2003 & Growth Rates Since July 1, 2002**

	NFLD.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	YUKON	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	519,570	137,781	936,025	750,594	7,487,169	12,238,300	1,162,776	994,843	3,153,723	4,146,580	31,060	41,872	29,384
Growth Rate	0.06%	0.57%	0.17%	0.05%	0.59%	1.17%	0.63%	-0.06%	1.26%	0.77%	3.11%	1.06%	2.24%

Source Statistics Canada

TABLE 3 ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS, APRIL 1, 2003 TO JUNE 30, 2003

Origin	Destination												
	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	59	499	160	105	1,194	57	43	666	122	18	33	24
Prince Edward I.	43	0	142	119	46	185	15	15	102	30	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	365	169	0	693	184	1,690	120	48	650	326	0	30	48
New Brunswick	132	136	722	0	625	1,015	56	52	454	170	0	15	15
Quebec	80	84	219	513	0	5,031	127	110	613	694	18	23	25
Ontario	1,345	276	1,644	982	4,549	0	1,374	450	3,790	3,664	47	65	47
Manitoba	58	12	107	55	193	1,410	0	746	1,240	780	12	52	30
Saskatchewan	37	9	61	42	125	532	785	0	3,210	851	19	73	30
Alberta	730	68	645	423	532	3,002	1,046	2,426	0	5,820	87	155	50
British Columbia	162	33	405	210	699	3,572	728	761	6,939	0	219	92	5
Yukon Territory	0	0	18	0	18	33	0	12	86	124	0	21	0
Northwest Terr.	15	0	15	23	15	35	27	34	236	104	52	0	66
Nunavut Terr.	15	12	30	18	27	52	55	21	44	0	4	66	0

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
In Migration	2,982	858	4,507	3,238	7,118	17,751	4,390	4,718	18,030	12,685	476	625	340
Out Migration	2,980	697	4,323	3,392	7,537	18,233	4,695	5,774	14,984	13,825	312	622	344
Net Migration	2	161	184	154	419	482	305	1,056	3,046	1,140	164	3	4

Source: Statistics Canada

Information provided in this document is preliminary, and thus subject to change in future reports.

Alberta Migration by Quarter

	Interprovincial			International						Total
	Out-Migration	In-Migration	*Net Interprovincial*	Immigration	Emigration	Non-Permanent Residents	Temporarily Abroad	Returning Emigrants	*Net International*	*Total Net Migration*
1997										
Jan - Mar	8,802	15,282	**6,480**	3,262	1,234	591	624	454	**2,449**	**8,929**
Apr - June	11,908	20,613	**8,705**	3,518	1,727	653	726	754	**2,472**	**11,177**
July - Sep	14,756	25,161	**10,405**	3,318	2,658	936	938	1,065	**1,723**	**12,128**
Oct - Dec	6,537	13,406	**6,869**	2,735	1,568	-476	704	521	**508**	**7,377**
Total	*42,003*	*74,462*	***32,459***	*12,833*	*7,187*	*1,704*	*2,992*	*2,794*	***7,152***	***39,611***
1998										
Jan - Mar	9,065	20,591	**11,526**	2,657	1,128	216	610	509	**1,644**	**13,170**
Apr - Jun	12,860	27,149	**14,289**	2,938	1,466	307	682	923	**2,020**	**16,309**
July - Sept	13,828	23,051	**9,223**	3,039	2,296	876	972	958	**1,605**	**10,828**
Oct - Dec	8,408	13,495	**5,087**	2,564	1,196	-477	682	382	**591**	**5,678**
Total	*44,161*	*84,286*	***40,125***	*11,198*	*6,086*	*922*	*2,946*	*2,772*	***5,860***	***45,985***
1999										
Jan - Mar	10,103	14,693	**4,590**	2,614	853	460	592	476	**2,105**	**6,695**
Apr - Jun	13,402	19,693	**6,291**	3,026	1,218	1,186	688	854	**3,160**	**9,451**
July - Sept	15,993	21,712	**5,719**	3,639	2,145	799	941	1,070	**2,422**	**8,141**
Oct - Dec	8,770	11,862	**3,092**	2,810	1,234	-962	697	497	**414**	**3,506**
Total	*48,268*	*67,960*	***19,692***	*12,089*	*5,450*	*1,483*	*2,918*	*2,897*	***8,101***	***27,793***
2000										
Jan - Mar	10,313	17,065	**6,752**	2,864	894	713	606	437	**2,514**	**9,266**
Apr - Jun	12,971	20,082	**7,111**	3,552	1,211	561	690	806	**3,018**	**10,129**
July - Sept	15,768	20,600	**4,832**	4,171	2,638	1,353	967	1,007	**2,926**	**7,758**
Oct - Dec	8,330	14,032	**5,702**	3,762	1,455	-856	698	404	**1,157**	**6,859**
Total	*47,382*	*71,779*	***24,397***	*14,349*	*6,198*	*1,771*	*2,961*	*2,654*	***9,615***	***34,012***
2001										
Jan - Mar	8,471	12,964	**4,493**	3,831	1,031	1,048	601	405	**3,652**	**8,145**
Apr - Jun	11,103	16,533	**5,430**	4,436	1,311	889	665	782	**4,131**	**9,561**
July - Sept	16,805	25,737	**8,932**	4,578	2,647	1,484	972	1,004	**3,447**	**12,379**
Oct - Dec	9,502	15,261	**5,759**	3,548	1,454	-824	698	404	**976**	**6,735**
Total	*45,881*	*70,495*	***24,614***	*16,393*	*6,443*	*2,597*	*2,936*	*2,595*	***12,206***	***36,820***
2002										
Jan - Mar	10,241	16,033	**5,792**	3,919	1,017	410	598	405	**3,119**	**8,911**
Apr - Jun	12,832	18,584	**5,752**	4,599	1,301	522	664	782	**3,938**	**9,690**
July - Sept	20,635	24,781	**4,146**	3,086	2,663	1,159	972	1,004	**1,614**	**5,760**
Oct - Dec	11,207	13,476	**2,269**	3,118	1,461	-909	698	404	**454**	**2,723**
Total	*54,915*	*72,874*	***17,959***	*14,722*	*6,442*	*1,182*	*2,932*	*2,595*	***9,125***	***27,084***
2003										
Jan - Mar	13,011	15,631	**2,620**	3,098	1,019	614	598	405	**2,500**	**5,120**
Apr - Jun	14,984	18,030	**3,046**	4,269	1,309	175	664	782	**3,253**	**6,299**
July - Sept	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	**n/a**
Oct - Dec	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	**n/a**
Total	*27,995*	*33,661*	***5,666***	*7,367*	*2,328*	*789*	*1,262*	*1,187*	***5,753***	***11,419***

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